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In re application of:	Examiner: Sheridan Swope
MATSUMOTO, A.	Art Unit: 1327
Application No.: 09/980,881	AMENDMENT
Filed: March 28, 2002	
For: HUMAN BRAIN CARBOXYPEPTIDASE B	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) A protein comprising peptidase activity towards brain APP, wherein said protein is selected from the group consisting of,

(a) a protein comprising an amino acid sequence in which one or more amino acids are replaced, deleted, inserted, and/or added to the amino acid sequence of

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